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THE COPPIE OF A LETTER

From Sir *Thomas Fairfax* his Quarters
to the Parliament, concerning the great
Battell betweene Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX
and Goring at Langport on Thursday the
10. of July 1645.

Where wereaine,
300. Dead upon the place.
Many carried to Bridgewater.

Taken prisoners.

6. Colours.

14. Lieutenant Colonels and
Majors.

100. Captaines and Officers
of Note. 2000. Prisoners.

Taken besides.

1200. Horse.

40. Colours of Horse and Foot.

4000. Armes for horse and
foote.

2. Peeces of Ordnance.

6. Cartloades of Ammunition.

All their Bag and Baggage
that was in the field.

L. Gen. Cromwells speech
in the head of the Armie.

2. Garriſons taken from them.
A list of the Chiefest Com-
manders on ene ſide, that
were killed: or wounded.
And in what manner the E-
nemies are diſperſed into
their ſeverall quarters.

Alſo how Maior Generall Maſſey the day before tooke
Lieutenant Generall Porter, Lieutenant Generall
of Goringes Horſe

2. Segeant Majors.

9. Colours.

250. Horſe.

6. Captaines.

Many inferior Officers.

200. Prisoners and divers
ſtins.

And the Enemy purſued to Bridgewater, and all the paſſa-
ges blockt up both by land and water.

Appointed to be Printed, and publiſhed according to Order.

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THE COPY
OF A
LETTER
FROM

Sir THOMAS FAIRFAXES Quarters,
read in the House of Commons on Saturday
Iuly 12. 1645.



the command of Major Gen. *Massey*, were on the other side of the river, & thole 8 regiments of Foot which we had at *Narby* field,

IN account I gave you in my last, of our Affairs till yesterday, I then *Goring* with his whole Army, at *Langport*; since they be pleased to take a short account of our Actions, yeasterday wee advanced to *Sutton*, drawing out that part of our Army which we had into *Sutton* field, the rest being foure thousand five hundred Horse and Dragoones (at the least) under

were also quartered at Madock to *Miffes*, advanced with his horse, and *Dagoones* (having sent to back them to North-cary (being ordered to streighten the enemies quarters, and to hinder them from any plundering exercise; It being 500 of them being upon a design our, and having no intelligence of his being in motion, was surprised being in a careless posture, fell on them: being (as I take it) 9 Colours, 200 prisoner, and about 250 horse, slew about 30. We in the mean time were drawn up within a mile of Lang-port, with those horse and foot the Generall had with him, not knowing of his engagement. And there being 3 Rivers between him, and us, and the way almost twelve miles march, the last night we quartered at Sutton, and this morning by three of the clock, drew out into Sutton field, having with us but seven Regiments of horse: *viz* The Generalls (formerly called Lieutenant Generall *Cromwells*) *Wallaces* *Vermodeus*, *Gracfoes*, *Rich*, *Fleetwoods*, and *Butlers*, which were not in all 200 horse, off that we had all, but the Muskettiers of three Regiments, having sent for them the last night from Madock, early in the morning the enemies appeared in the field, and about 7 a clock they had made themselves masters of a p^{asse} which lay in the midst between our body and theirs, had lined the hedges between us and them, with at least 2000 muskettiers; so that the p^{asse}age to them was extreame dangerous, being so strait, that four horse could hardly p^{asse} abreast, and that up to the belly in water; they lying so in flanks and fronts to receive us. In that posture they stood till nigh eleven of the clock, having in the interim sent away most of their Traine, and Baggage, led horse and other lumber, to Bridgewater, being resolved to make good their retreat thither, which they conceived they could, having such an advantageous p^{asse} thither; we understanding their intentions by some Scouts, and other countrymen, resolved to charge them; and accordingly drew down a commanded party of muskettiers to beat them from the hedges, which was done with gallant resolution, advancing the same time with two Regiments of horse into the lane, all that we could draw up in the front was but a
single

single troop, and that man led by *Barrell*, the enemy stand-
ing ready with 2 bodies of horse, of about 1000 to charge him,
he with the single troop charged and broke two of their divi-
sions, of about 400 received the charge, the third division both
in front and flank, was somewhat overborne at last, and forced
to retire to the Generals Regiment, which was about 100 yards
behind *Dorborough*, with the Generals troop sheltered him by
his flank to rally, and charge up himselfe with about 200 horse
of the Generals Regiment, dispersed the enemy and let them all
a turning, gained freedom by it for all our horse and foot, to
draw into bodies, sent the enemy running, not being able to en-
dure another charge, the Generall, Lieutenant Generall, and
some other officers upon the hill, beholding the gallant charges
commenled it, for the most excellent peece of service that ever
was in England, we had them in chase almost to *Bridgewater*,
having put them to the clean rout, that ever any enemy were
put to, what the number of the slain be I cannot tell you, being
scarcely come from the chase. The prisoners come in already are
900. and I conceive there will come in as many as will make
2000. and 12000 horse at the least, for Colours I am uncertaine,
I dare say at least 40. the Armes at least 4000. 2 peece of Or-
dinance Liew, and divers carriages of Ammunition, and to make
it a compleat victory, he pursued the enemy through *Lang-
port*, having gained the Garrison, and though they fired the
town just at the Bridge, to hinder the chase, yet we followed
the victory through the fire, the successe of this victory must
be ascribed (next unto God) to the good conduct of the Ge-
nerall, and *Cromwell's* following the chase through *Langport*,
where he himselfe passed through the fire flaming on both sides
of him. The enemy cryed out, they are now utterly undone and
that the King must now goe into Ireland. This victory was
opportune, In regard, had they staid but three dayes
longer, *Goring* would have had a reinforcement of six thou-
sand horse and foot from *Greenfield* and the King, they being
transporting their forces as fast as can be to *Munhead*, *Wich-
head*, and *Uphill*, there being 1500 that landed at *Uphill*,

came to Bridgewater yesterday. Sir, this is all at present from your affectionate and humble servant,

Langport July 10.
7 at night.

The report of the Scout that brought the aforesaid letter, which is here placed by way of postscript for further satisfaction.

On wednesday the ninth of July 1645. there were 1500 of the enemies commanded by Lieutenant generall *Porter*, who lay at Abertyle, on whom Major generall *Massy* fell before the Enemy were aware of it; with Colonell *Massy* were Lieutenant *Bull*, Major *Sanderson*, Colonel *VVeb*, and some other officers, who with the common souldiers behaved themselves gallantly, the enemy about 3 of the clock grazing their horses, and having made works about Abertyle Church, and in exceeding good quarters, little thinking *Massy* to neer, had set a small guard of foot at the towns end, Major generall *Massy* drew his men into two divisions, for each end of the town one, himselfe commanded one, and Capt. Gutredge the other, which was but a small party: for C. *Massy* commanded the main body himselfe. *Massy*'s men marched with green boughs in their hats, C. Gutredge coming to the towns end, found the hedges lined with Muskettiers at the south west end of the town, Cap. *Fransway*, a Dutch Captain, commanded a party to fall on the one side of the ambuscadors, and Capt. Gutredge on the other. The Dutch Captain when he was charged by the enemy, began to face about, which impeded Capt. Gutredges prosecution of the busines, yet the rest of the officers and souldiers, with the wisdom of Capt. Gutredge, ended the businesse so well, that they beat up their ambuscadors for all that, and drove them quite away: in the mean time Major *Gete* all *Massy* marched up to the other side of the Town, Colonell *Cook* having the command of the forlorn hope, who in like manner had lined the hedges at that end of the town, and Col: *Massy* with Col: *Cook* and the rest, raised them, and those with the rest at the other end of town, followed so hard upon the enemy, that they drove them

them all from the town, pursuing them within two miles of Langport, and took many Armes in Aberfoile. Maior Generall Massys word was *VVales*, the enemy said nor to give any word at all. On Thursday the tenth of Iuly Sir Tho: Fairfax marched toward the enemy, discovered them when hee was with his body by the windmills, between Lamport and Summerton, the enemy were then on the Hills in Lamport field about two mile and a half off, the water being between them. About eleven of the clock they drew out, and about one of the clock Maior Bethel charged the enemy: the fight was very hot, and lasted about two hours, about 3 of the clock Goring was got himselfe into Bridgewater, Prince Charles being gone from thence before, and the Lord Hopton with him to Burastable with three Troops of Horse, to raise what forces they could in those parts, to ioyne with those which were to come from Greenville. Rupert was gone to the King before also to send what strength he could to ioyne with them, and Greenvils horse, as appeared afterwards, were then upon their march toward Goring, and also Sir John Barkley was before drawn off, upon some discontent or other towards Exceter, but, is beleaved, returning with Greenville. Sir Thomas Aston was then with Goring, who hath a regiment in which are good store of Papistr, but hee ranne away like a base Coward. and the greatest part of his Regiment are taken, of which the poore county men are not a little glad, for they have been extream cruell in plundering. Sir Lewis Dives was then in Sherburn, it seems he loves a garrison better then the field, and holds it more secure. The Cavaliers seem to be very sorrowful for their losses, we perceive by them, that they have lost some considerable men, but will not be known who they are.

Sir Thomas Fairfax quartered that night at Oller, four miles from Bridgewater, Maior Generall Massy is ioynd with him, where he blocked up that side of their garrison, Lieutenant Generall Cromwell making a speech in the head of the Army, declaring how the enemies passage by water might be stopped up, wherenpon a party of 1500 horse and Dragoons were sent to block up the west side for the same purpose.

*A list of Major generall M. Fleys victorie at North-Carry
on Wednesday the 9. of July 1655.*

1500. Routed which were surpris'd by Colonell
MASSEY.

9. Colours taken from the said partie of 1500.

Leutenant Generall Potter Lieutenant Gene-
rall of Gorings horse taken prisoner.

2500. Horse and armes taken from them at the
same time.

2. Serjant Majors taken prisoners, and 6 Captains.

200. of their inferiour officers and common men
taken prisoners.

*A list of the particulars what was taken, and how many slain at
the Routing of Goring by Sir Thomas Fairfax, at Lang-
port on Thursday the 10. of July, 1645.*

300. Slaine, and left dead upon the place.

Divers officers Carried dead and some wounded into Bridge-
water.

6. Collonells, some of which are notorious incendiaries

14. Leivenant Collonells and Serjant Majors.

100. Captains, and Reformadoes, and other officers of note.

2000. Prisoners: whereof divers inferiour officers.

Taken besides

1200. horse.

40. Colours of horse, and foot.

4000. Armes pistols Carbines, firelocks, muskets pikes &c.

2. Peeces of ordnance.

6. Cart loads of Ammunition, powder match, &c.

All their baggage, and baggage which they had left in the field

The losse on our side.

2. Reformado Captains: one of them a dutch man both slain.

Collonell *Butlers* Captaine Leivetenant slain, and his Cor-
net let fall his Colours, but they were honourably regained.

Colonell *Butler*, a slight cut on the arme.

Colonell *Edward Cooke* shot on the mouth, only on the upper

